

## **MINUTES**

### **A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council**

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall  
China Grove, North Carolina**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of April 7, 2009 to order. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Withers, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on April 7, 2009. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Bivens made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 3, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adopt the minutes from the March 3, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

There were no comments.

### **QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Conditional Use Permit – Victory Baptist Church

Ms. Jackson stated that if anyone wishes to speak for or against the request will need to be sworn in.

Ms. Jackson and Dr. Nelson Wright were sworn in to testify.

Ms. Jackson explained the Staff Report and the Findings of Fact that must be met. She stated that the Planning Board unanimously recommended approving the Conditional Use Permit.

Ms. Jackson stated that the council has a zoning map within their packets and she reviewed the location. She stated that the notices were placed in the newspaper and she has also sent letters to the appropriate property owners.

Mayor Bringle asked if there were any questions for Ms. Jackson. There were none.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for anyone wishing to speak for or against the Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Wright stated that their intentions are to remove the inside walls to turn it into a sanctuary and will add classrooms to the back of the building. He explained that parking would be located behind the building.

There were no further comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to accept the evidence. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Bivens made a motion to approve findings of fact. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a religious use. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **I) EDC Request for Adoption of Revision of Bi-Laws**

Mr. Robert Van Geons stated that he is present on behalf of the EDC. He stated that he has been throughout the county to seek approval of the bi-law changes. He stated that none of the proposed changes affect the number of board members, who appoints or how they are funded. They are mostly in regards to administration and clarity of term length and staggering to end in December.

Mr. Welter asked if the bi-laws have been changed since 1984.

Mr. Van Geons stated that there have been amendments; however, this is his first year and they have recently noticed the trouble with the term length and expiration.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to approve the revisions for the EDC Constitution and Bi-Laws. Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Welter asked if they will all receive fairly equal seats at the table. He stated that China Grove has been left in the cold in the past concerning the Old Beatty Ford Road interchange.

Mayor Bringle stated that they have gone on record in support of the economic opportunity at Old Beatty Ford Road, but they have however also stated that they understand that Exit 68 is a viable interchange.

Mr. Van Geons stated that they want to be of assistance to all municipalities.

## II) Park Advisory Board Requests for Approval

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to reappoint Mr. Alan Corriher as member to the Parks Advisory Board for a term of three years to expire April 7, 2011. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to appoint Ms. Brie Bivens to the Parks Advisory Board for a term of three years to expire April 7, 2011. Mr. Welter seconded the motion; Mr. Bivens abstained from the motion due to a conflict of interest. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to advertise for the open position. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to purchase fifty (50) parking stops for the Little League Field. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Lyseski asked the price for the parking stops.

Mr. Soloman stated that it should be less than \$1,000.

Mayor Bringle stated that Ram Concrete makes and sells these, and they are significantly cheaper.

Mr. Soloman stated that Ram quoted \$20 and the other company quoted around \$15 a piece.

Mayor Bringle asked if there is a need for restroom facilities and where would it be placed at the Community Building.

Mr. Corriher stated that there is definitely a need. He stated that some people use inappropriate locations. He stated that there may be a need for a handicapped sized restroom.

Mayor Bringle stated that the best location may be somewhere along the back drive for a level pathway and sidewalk for ADA compliance. He stated that he would like to see some prices.

Mr. Overcash stated that he would like to see the costs to build a restroom. He stated that he has fears of port-a-johns being abused.

Mayor Bringle stated that it would cost somewhere between \$45-50,000.

Mr. Pless stated that it is his experience that outdoor restroom facilities are abused and a challenge to keep clean. He stated that if they do make this investment, then they need to make sure the utilization factor is high. He stated that Mr. Ketner may want to create a site barrier.

Mr. Welter stated that port-a-johns are services fairly well these days.

Mr. Bivens stated that it could be consider on a seasonal basis. He stated that a port-a-john is not a long term answer, but he believes that the basement stairs are not appropriate either.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to table the port-a-john item number four on the list of recommendations.

### III) Budget Schedule

Mr. Pless stated that the new fiscal year is coming upon them quickly. He stated that he would like to separate the General Fund discussion from Water and Sewer Fund discussion.

Meetings were set for 6:00pm on the following days:

General Fund Meeting, Thursday, May 7

Water/Sewer Fund Meeting, Thursday, May 14

### IV) Public Safety Building Update

Mr. Pless stated that numerous angles have been discussed. He stated that two options have been given for renovating and relocating. He stated that he has met with the department heads and Public Safety Committee and also referred to previous architectural plans that were provided in the past.

Mayor Bringle stated that the drawings provided are the same.

Mr. Welter stated that he leans towards switching the locations. He stated that there would be a basically brand new Town Hall on Main Street.

Mr. Pless stated that this would be funded through USDA.

Mr. Welter stated that he doesn't believe the cost could be beat. He stated that the outlay just isn't there.

Mr. Bivens agreed that the architectural work is mainly already done.

Mr. Pless stated that he just wanted to make the board aware of what they are working on at this point.

V) Sidewalk Committee Update

Mr. Ketner stated that the CMAQ Sidewalk Grant is moving forward. He stated that he has seen surveyors in town. He stated that the public information meeting has been advertised. He stated that this will allow property owners to review the plans. He stated that the plans show the least path of resistance. He stated that the homeowners will receive a letter as well as it being advertised. He stated that the meeting will be held at the Community Building. He stated that the data has to be submitted by August 29, 2009. He believes it should be done by July, they are ahead of schedule. He stated that the project should be paid out by the end of the year. He stated that the bid process would be done by August or September. He stated that there is a lot of interest by bidders on this project.

Mr. Ketner stated that they have Capital Outlay and wants to be sure that the council is still in favor.

Mayor Bringle asked if they are in the budget. He stated that they want to see where the town stands within their budget.

Mr. Ketner agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle asked if Duke Energy customers are now informed that they can not make payments here any longer.

Mr. Pless stated that there are two options within town and customers are beginning to become more aware and the traffic has slowed down.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Bivens made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk**

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**Donald E. Bringle, Mayor**